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SUBJECT: AIFLD - NEW PROPOSAL

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1. AIFLD'S JESSE FRIEDMAN INFORMED EMBASSY WEEK OF MAY 8 THAT AIFLD COULD NOT ACCEPT THE ORIT APPROACH TOWARD RECONSTITUTING A USG-FUNDED LABOR EDUCATION PROGRAM IN PERU. FRIEDMAN SAID THAT AIFLD WAS PREPARED TO ESTABLISH IN THE U.S. A NON-PROFIT INTER-AMERICAN LABOR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION WITH A BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM CORNELL UNIVERSITY, THE BARBADOS WORKERS COLLEGE, THE ICT IN SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, AND THE ORIT. THAT ASSOCIATION WOULD THEN SET UP A PERUVIAN BRANCH WITH AN AIFLD STAFF MEMBER AS LOCAL ASSOCIATION ADVISOR.

2. THE EMBASSY APPROACHED THE LABOR MINISTRY TO INFORM OFFICIALS OF THE AIFLD DECISION THAT IT COULD NOT WORK THROUGH ORIT AND TO DISCUSS AIFLD'S ALTERNATE PROPOSAL. OFFICIALS PROMISED TO SEEK AN EARLY REACTION FROM THEN LABOR MINISTER GALINDO, WHICH IF POSITIVE, WOULD HAVE ENABLED AIFLD TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING AN INTER-AMERICAN LABOR EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND ITS PERU BRANCH.

3. HOWEVER, LABOR MINISTER GALINDO'S EARLY RESIGNATION MAY 17
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HAS AT LEAST UPSET THE TIMETABLE FOR A POSSIBLE AIFLD PRESENCE IN PERU. THE INCOMING LABOR MINISTER, GENERAL LUIS UGARELLI VALLE, IS NEW TO LABOR AFFAIRS AND MUST BE BRIEFED ON A SERIES OF PRESSING ISSUES. IF UGARELLI RETAINS THE EXPERIENCED CIVILIAN SUPERIOR DIRECTOR, JULIO BARRENECHEA, THE AIFLD QUESTION MAY BE ADDRESSED AT AN EARLY DATE. IF, HOWEVER, HE REPLACES BARRENECHEA THEN THE PROCESS WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED. AT THIS

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MOMENT, IN THE WORKDS OF THE LABOR MINISTRY ACTING SUPERIOR
DIRECTOR, THE AIFLD QUESTION "MOVES BACK TO POINT ZERO".

4. EMBASSY WILL SEEK EARLY CONSIDERATION OF AIFLD PROPOSAL BY
LABOR MINISTER UGARELLI AND WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS.
AIFLD MAY WISH TO RAISE ISSUE WITH UGARELLI AT JUNE ILO CONFERENCE
IN GENEVA IF UGARELLI HAS RECEIVED AT LEAST INITIAL BRIEFING
ON THE SUBJECT. SUPERIOR DIRECTOR BARRENECHEA OR LABOR MINISTRY
LEGAL ADVISOR PELEGRIN ROMAN ARE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY UGARELLI
TO GENEVA. THEY ARE, OF COURSE, FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THE AIFLD
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